

**Established February, 1845.**

PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM

## Shipping

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.











## Insurance.

NOTICE.  
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Goods at 1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

## NOTICE.

POLICIES GRANTED at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, April 6, 1881.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The First, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

*Marine Department.*  
Policies at current rates, payable either here in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

*Fire Department.*  
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

*Life Department.*  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; CO.

Hongkong, July 3, 1872.

## MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.  
Capital of the Company, £1,000,000 Sterling, of which is paid up, £100,000.  
Reserve Fund, £120,000.  
Annual Income, £250,000.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Pootung, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; CO.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

## THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.  
CAPITAL, FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £1,000,000.

*Board of Directors.*  
KOH MOON WAI, Esq., Chairman.  
BAN HUI, Esq., LING ON, Esq.,  
K. Y. KAI, Esq., CHUNG YEE, Esq.,  
QIAN HOI CHUNG, Esq.,  
KWOK YIN KAI, Esq., Manager.  
WOO LIN YUEN, Esq., Assistant Secretary.

THE Company grants Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, payable at any of its Agencies. Contributors Dividends are payable to all Contributors of Business, whether they are Shareholders or not.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE—  
No. 2, Queen's Road West,  
Hongkong, March 14, 1881.

## YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £2,000,000.  
PERMANENT RESERVE FUND £200,000.  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £288,936.17.

TOTAL CAPITAL AND RESERVE FUND £2,488,936.17.  
April, 1881.

*Directors.*  
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
W. M. BORTH, Esq., W. MEYERBERG, Esq.,  
J. E. PINCKNEY, Esq., F. D. HUGHES, Esq.,  
Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.  
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:  
Messrs BARKING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,  
68 and 69, Cornhill.

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12 1/2 per cent. Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 20, 1881.

## THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at current rates, allowing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 3, 1881.

## PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE at current rates.

MEYER &amp; CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

## Visitors' Column.

We have instituted an experiment a Visitors' COLUMN, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated, from time to time, such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with which we have opened a SELECT, HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

## List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (5,000 volumes) and Museum, &c.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Fender's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Lafayette Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

E. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co., Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zetland Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath House and Boat-house, &c., &c., beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

## Stores, Books, &amp;c.

General Outfitter, Hosier, Tailor, &c., &c., 2, N. D. Street, 45, and 47, Queen's Road, by special appointment to H.M. the Governor.

Chromometers, Watches, Jewellery, Maps and Charts.—G. FALCONER & CO., Queen's Road Central.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Signs.—MAC- EWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

## Chair and carriage hire.

LOCALISED TABLE OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR DRIVERS, AND HATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Hackney Carriages.

Half hour, 10 cts. 1 hour, 20 cts. Three hours, 50 cts. 1 day, 1.00. 2 days, 2.00. 1 week, 10.00. 1 month, 30.00. 1 year, 300.00.

Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

To VICTORIA BEAR.

Single Trip.

Four Coaches, \$1.00. Three Coaches, 85 cts. Two Coaches, 70 cts.

Return (direct or by Pootung-tum).

Four Coaches, \$1.50. Three Coaches, 1.20. Two Coaches, 1.00.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coach will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cents.

Day Trip (Peak) \$0.75 each Coach. (12 hours) \$1.50 each Coach.

## Licensed Barbers (Each).

Hour, 10 cts. Half day, 5 cts. Day, 50 cts.

## BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, \$3.00. 2nd Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 2.50. 3rd Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 2.00. 4th Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 1.50. 5th Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 1.00. 6th Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 75 cts. 7th Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 50 cts. 8th Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 25 cts. 9th Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 10 cts. 10th Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 900 piculs, per Day, 5 cts.

## Sampans.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, \$1.00. One Hour, 50 cts. Half an Hour, 25 cts. After 6 p.m., 10 cts. extra.

## FAREY COOLIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies. One Day, 10 cts. Half Day, 5 cts. Three Hours, 15 cts. One Hour, 5 cts. One Day, 10 cts. Half Day, 5 cts. Three Hours, 15 cts. One Hour, 5 cts.

## Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised December 1st, 1880.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers for four ounces in weight are charged as double, telegrams, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets or papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the weight be within the limit. Postage Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though Written by Hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied notes, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 6 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers for Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

N.H. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, &c., &c., America, Mexico, Salvador, Brazil, Chili, Venezuela, &c., &c., Argentina Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese, and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Table, by any route.

Letters, 10 cents per oz. Post Cards, 5 cents each. Registration, 10 cents. Newspapers, 2 cents each. Books, Patterns and Comm. Papers, 2 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Hawaiian Kingdom, 10. Letters, None. Newspapers, 5. Books & Patterns, 5.

West Indies (Non-Union), Bolivia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, &c., &c., 10. Letters, None. Newspapers, 5. Books & Patterns, 5.

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; via Gall, Letters, 20; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, via Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension, via Aden, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 5.

A small extra charge is made on delivery. There is no charge to British W. India. Registration via San Francisco, 10 cents. Customs fee sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

Letters, 10 cts. Post Cards, 5 cts. Newspapers, 2 cts. Books, 5 cts. Patterns, 5 cts. Comm. Papers, 2 cts. per 2 oz.

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## Local Parcel Post.

1. Small Parcels may be sent by Post between any of the Post offices in China or Japan, as well as to Macao, Peking, Singapore, Penang, and Malacca. They must not exceed the following dimensions: 2 feet long, 1 foot broad, 1 foot deep, nor weigh more than 5 lbs. The postage is 20 cents per lb., which includes registration, except to Japan, where country parcels are forwarded at Book Rates. Registry being optional. The parcels may be wholly closed if they bear this special endorsement, PARCEL, CONTAINING NO LETTERS, but any parcel may be opened by direction of the Postmaster General.

2. The following cannot be transmitted: Firearms, except by special permission, or liable to be crushed (as tin boxes, &c.) Glass, Liquids, explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyes, &c., for, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit.

3. Parcels will as a general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case of number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, but parcels of registration will be secured the sender against any but a very remote probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

It is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed:

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious stones, or anything that as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. This Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the sample of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, &c., 4 lbs. Patterns to British Offices, 5 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Letter.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered letters, but it is bound to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered; the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in Office; that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the delay or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, bone, ivory, &c., &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

HONEY ORDER REGULATIONS.

1. Money Orders are exchanged with the United Kingdom, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements, Western Australia, and (except at Shanghai) with the Japanese Empire, Hongkong and issues orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

2. Small sums may be remitted between the other Ports by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one per cent. for cashing them.

3. Many Money Orders are supplied to residents at the smaller Ports in this way. An application for an order is filled up, and is enclosed with a stamped, directed, and unsealed envelope to the Postmaster at the nearest issuing office. The application must be accompanied with the full amount (including commission) in cheque, postage stamps, or other equivalent of cash, and a little margin should be left for variations of exchange. The Postmaster issues the order, sends it on in the envelope, and returns the change, if any, by first opportunity, with a receipt for the letter, if it were to be registered, as it always should be. Care should be taken to send these applications at once, as the Money Order Offices close at various hours before the departure of the mails.

4. No order must exceed £10, or £50, or include any fraction of a penny nor will more than two such orders be issued to the same person, in favour of the same party, by the same mail. Orders will be drawn at the current rate of the day and paid at the rate of the day when the advice arrived.

The commission is as follows:—Orders on the United Kingdom. Up to £2, 18 cts. " £2 to £5, 30 cts. " £5 to £10, 35 cts. " £10 to £20, 40 cts. " £20 to £50, 45 cts. " £50 to £100, 50 cts. " £100 to £250, 55 cts. " £250 to £500, 60 cts. " £500 to £1,000, 65 cts. " £1,000 to £2,500, 70 cts. " £2,500 to £5,000, 75 cts. " £5,000 to £10,000, 80 cts. " £10,000 to £25,000, 85 cts. " £25,000 to £50,000, 90 cts. " £50,000 to £100,000, 95 cts. " £100,000 to £250,000, 100 cts. " £250,000 to £500,000, 105 cts. " £500,000 to £1,000,000, 110 cts. " £1,000,000 to £2,500,000, 115 cts. " £2,500,000 to £5,000,000, 120 cts. " £5,000,000 to £10,000,000, 125 cts. " £10,000,000 to £25,000,000, 130 cts. " £25,000,000 to £50,000,000, 135 cts. " £50,000,000 to £100,000,000, 140 cts. " £100,000,000 to £250,000,000, 145 cts. " £250,000,000 to £500,000,000, 150 cts. " £500,000,000 to £1,000,000,000, 155 cts. " £1,000,000,000 to £2,500,000,000, 160 cts. " £2,500,000,000 to £5,000,000,000, 165 cts. " £5,000,000,000 to £10,000,000,000, 170 cts. " £10,000,000,000 to £25,000,000,000, 175 cts. " £25,000,000,000 to £50,000,000,000, 180 cts. " £50,000,000,000 to £100,000,000,000, 185 cts. " £100,000,000,000 to £250,000,000,000, 190 cts. " £250,000,000,000 to £500,000,000,000, 195 cts. " £500,000,000,000 to £1,000,000,000,000, 200 cts. " £1,000,000,000,000 to £2,500,000,000,000, 205 cts. " £2,500,000,000,000 to £5,000,000,000,000, 210 cts. " £5,000,000,000,000 to £10,000,000,000,000, 215 cts. " £10,000,000,000,000 to £25,000,000,000,000, 220 cts. " £25,000,000,000,000 to £50,000,000,000,000, 225 cts. " £50,000,000,000,000 to £100,000,000,000,000, 230 cts. " £100,000,000,000,000 to £250,000,000,000,00